Dear Epic Rider,

Thank you for registering for the 10th annual EPIC RIDE! Very shortly you will be embarking on a 25 or 40-mile ride along the Brooklyn-Queens Waterfront, from Greenpoint to Riis Park Beach.

By participating in THE EPIC RIDE, you are supporting Brooklyn Greenway Initiative, the non-profit organization committed to the development, establishment, and long-term stewardship of the Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway. When complete, this 14-mile landscaped route for pedestrians and cyclists will connect residents and visitors in waterfront communities to parks and open spaces, cultural districts, and commercial corridors from Greenpoint to Bay Ridge.

When riding THE EPIC, we invite you to envision a completed Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway. You will experience the diversity of Brooklyn’s and Queens’ neighborhoods, and take in breathtaking waterfront views, all while supporting a great cause!

As you pedal through, make sure you follow the road rules and take in the sights along the way. We look forward to celebrating with you at the finish party with live music, food and drink and a swim in the sea!

Terri Carta
Executive Director
For over a decade, Brooklyn Greenway Initiative (BGI) has been the catalyst for the establishment, development and long-term stewardship of the Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway.

Today, the Greenway consists of 23 NYC DOT capital projects, spanning 14-miles from Greenpoint to Bay Ridge;

- 6 miles of the Greenway are now available for public use.
- 4 additional segments are now in design and engineering.
- BGI and our partners at the NYC Department of Transportation are actively seeking funding to move more segments toward implementation.

MAINTAINING THE GREENWAY
Now that the Greenway is being implemented, BGI is planning for the long-term stewardship and maintenance of the 14-mile route and numerous adjacent green spaces currently under development.

GREEN SPACES
BGI is currently leading the design development for green spaces adjacent to the trunk Greenway route, including: The Naval Cemetery Landscape, developed in partnership with the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation, which opened in Spring 2016, and Columbia Waterfront Park, a two-acre property in the Columbia Waterfront District. As additional funds are secured, more green spaces along the Greenway will be identified and designed.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS
BGI hosts a variety of community and corporate volunteer projects, tours, and events throughout the year including: The Brooklyn Greenway Half, a half marathon and 5K exclusively on the Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway; Greenway + Industry, a Brooklyn business networking event.

Get involved by donating today or join our volunteer team!
PREPARING FOR THE RIDE

Riders should be experienced and confident riding with traffic on the roads and be able to maintain a pace of 10 mph. It is your responsibility to ensure that your bike is tuned up, tires fully inflated and ready to go.

WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING:

- **Helmet** *(required to participate)*: Make sure it fits snugly
- Water bottle: Filled with water
- Sunblock
- Money: Although we provide light refreshments at rest stops, you may want to buy lunch and sample fare from the Riis Beach Bazaar vendors.
- Metro Card: You may want to take the A train home from the beach
- Turn Sheet
- Cellphone
- Photo ID
- Swim suit and Towel

THE EPIC RIDE ROUTE

- Will be sent next week!

FOLLOWING THE ROUTE

Print the turn sheet once we send it and bring it with you. Extras will be available at the start and rest stops in case you lose yours.

There will be no street closures. Bicyclists and ride marshals ride along greenways and streets and must obey all traffic laws. There will be marshals escorting the tour; look for their bright orange t-shirts and ask them for directions if you need assistance.

MARINE PARKWAY AND CROSS BAY BRIDGES:

Always walk your bike. For everyone’s safety please, you must walk your bike on the bridge walkway throughout the entire bridge -- don’t ride.

GET THE OFFICIAL EPIC RIDE T-SHIRT: $20

Get the official Epic Ride tech tee!
Pre-ordered shirts will be available for pick-up at the Starting Line.
A limited number of additional Epic t-shirts will be available for sale on ride day at the start and finish lines.
Support and Gear (SAG)
Ride marshals, sweep teams, a vehicle with room for bikes and passengers, and EMTs work together as the SAG for the ride, assisting riders who encounter any difficulty or who are unable to finish. If you need assistance, a ride marshal can contact SAG to take you to the finish line. If you need medical attention, a ride marshal will call the EMT team or you can call 911.

Ride Marshals & Course Marshals
Ride marshals are volunteers on bikes who ride along with you and are there to help during the ride. Course Marshals will be stationed along the route and will be on foot to help direct riders. You’ll be able to identify them by their bright orange t-shirts. Feel free to ask a marshal for help at any point.

Sweep Teams
Sweep teams bring up the rear of the ride. They are the last volunteers on the tour and they close rest stops as they pass through. Sweeps ride at 10mph and if they catch up to you, it means that you’ll need to pick up your pace or you may have to ride unaccompanied to the end.

Mechanics
We have partnered with local bike stores and bike groups to provide mechanic services at locations along the route. Some ride marshals will have bike maintenance kits and be able to offer simple bike repair. If your bike needs intensive work, make your way to the nearest rest stop or bike shop.

Rest Stops
There are two rest stops providing complimentary light refreshments, water stations and restrooms along the route.

Owl’s Head Park, Bay Ridge
- 11.8 mile mark /Open from 9:00am-10:30am

The Ryan Visitor Center, Floyd Bennett Field
- 23 mile mark /Open from 10:30am-12:30pm

Environmental Sustainability
Please join us in making The Epic Ride 2018 the cleanest and greenest ever!
How can you help?
- Use our recycling and compost systems to minimize waste
- Bring your own water bottles.
- Take public transport to the ride start

Bike Rental
Don’t have a bike? Not sure if it’s in good working order? Don’t want to ride those extra miles to the start line and back from the finish line?
We have partnered with UnlimitedBiking.com so you can ride The Epic on a new bike that will be delivered to the Start and collected from the Finish line.*

*includes helmet.

[Click Here](#) to rent your bike. Order by July 19, 2018.
RIDE DAY

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We strongly recommend that you arrive as close to the check in opening times as possible to ensure prompt ride departure. Riders will not be granted entry to ride after check in closes. The wristband you will receive at check in will be your ticket to ride. To receive entry for the ride, please bring your ID, you do not need to bring ticket confirmation with you. You will receive a wristband which will mark you as part of the ride. It will also have your 1 beer ticket (for riders over 21 years of age) for the end of the ride.

Start Location | Greenpoint Landing, Greenpoint Enter on Commercial Street
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Subway | G Train to Greenpoint Ave. (3 min. ride from subway)
L Train to Bedford Ave. (7 min. ride from subway)
Car | On-street parking available but scarce.
Bicycle | For cycling maps visit: transalt.org/resources/maps

Rest Stop 1: Mile 12 Owl’s Head Park | Colonial Rd & 68th Rd & Shore Rd, Bay Ridge

Rest Stop 1: Mile 23 Ryan Visitor Center at Floyd Bennett Field | Flatbush Ave.

Finish Riis Park Beach Bazaar, Bay 9 Closes at 3:30 pm | The finish line is located at Riis Park Beach where complimentary bike valet parking will be available [closes at 3:30PM]. Please leave your bikes at the valet and head to the boardwalk for the finish party with live music, and delicious food!
## RETURN HOME

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<td>Return trip can be made by cycling to Rockaway Beach 116th St (2.5 miles) and taking the Shuttle S and transferring to the A train.</td>
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<td><strong>New York City Ferry</strong></td>
<td>DEPARTS: Beach 108th Street and Beach Channel Drive Rockaway Park 11694. ARRIVES: Sunset Park, Brooklyn / Wall St./Pier 11 COST: $2.75 one way, $1 additional for bicycles <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information about the boarding process</td>
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<td><strong>Bicycle</strong></td>
<td>Cross back over the Marine Parkway Bridge and cycle through Brooklyn instead of along the Waterfront. Return trip to the start line is 17 miles. View this route on Google Maps &gt; <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a></td>
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THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSOR

NYC Ferry Operated by Hornblower provides New Yorkers a dependable way to commute and connect in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx along the East River. Our state-of-the-art vessels offer comfortable conveniences including charging stations, Wi-Fi and concessions – and we’re the same price as a subway ride!

Safe
Reliable
Same Price as the Subway
Thank you to everyone who made THE EPIC RIDE possible!

**ROUTE ASSISTANCE**
- NYC Department of Transportation
- NYC Police Department
- Port Authority of NY and NJ
- Brooklyn Bridge Park
- NYC Department of Park and Recreation

**VOLUNTEERS**
Thank you to all our ride marshals and volunteers, we wouldn’t be able to put the ride on without you!

**RIDERS**
Thanks for joining us, and showing your support of the Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway.

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- NYC Parks
- Riis Park Beach Bazaar
- Unlimited Cycling

Please consider donating to Brooklyn Greenway Initiative!
Any contribution helps to the completion of our 14 Mile Greenway!
Donate today: BrooklynGreenway.org/donate/